

Last time: Augmented matrices

Reduced Row Echelon Form ←

Matrix Ops.

Matrix Operations

Refresh: Matrix addition. Given A and B matrices of the same size $m \times n$, their Sum is computed entry-wise.

Ex:
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2+3 & 1-3 \\ 0+2 & -1+1 \\ -1+0 & 0+0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Non Ex: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is UNDEFINED!

Defn: Given constant (or scalar) c and matrix A , the scalar multiple of A by c is cA w/ entries the componentwise product (c by entry).

Ex:
$$-2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 \\ -4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 4 & -6 \\ 8 & -14 \end{bmatrix}$$

Defn: Given matrices A and B of sizes $m \times k$ and $k \times n$ respectively, the matrix product $A \cdot B$ is computed by:
$$A \cdot B = [a_{ij}]_{i,j} \cdot [b_{ij}]_{i,j} = \left[\sum_{p=1}^k a_{ip} b_{pj} \right]_{i,j}$$

Ex: Compute AB for $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 5 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

Sol:

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 5 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 0 & 3 \cdot (-1) + 0 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot (-2) \\ 5 \cdot 1 + (-5) \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 & 5 \cdot (-1) + (-5) \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot (-2) \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 2 \times 3 & 3 \times 2 & 2 \times 2 \end{matrix} \end{array}$$

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NB: Size of product is determined by sizes of factors...

Ex: Product $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ by $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Sol:

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 & 3 \\ -11 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 2 \times 4 & 4 \times 3 & 2 \times 3 \end{matrix} \end{array}$$

\square

In general, an $m \times k$ matrix times a $k \times n$ matrix results in an $m \times n$ matrix.

Ex: Multiply $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ by $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$.

Sol:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

\square

Ex: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$.

First compute $A \cdot B$, then compute $B \cdot A$.

Sol: 2×2 2×2

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

different!

This example demonstrates that matrix multiplication is NOT commutative (i.e. order matters!). \square

NB: Suppose A is an $m \times n$ matrix and \vec{x} is an $n \times 1$ matrix (i.e. column vector)

$A\vec{x}$ is an $m \times 1$ matrix. We can use this observation to build a third rep. of a linear system. Suppose our linear system has a rep via augmented matrices:

$$\left[A \mid \vec{b} \right] \text{ where } A \text{ is } m \times n \text{ and } \vec{b} \text{ is } m \times 1.$$

If we let \vec{x} denote the vector of system variables, this augmented matrix also represents the equation $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$.

Ex: Represent linear system $\begin{cases} x + y - z = 3 \\ x - y + z = 2 \\ x + y + z = 1 \end{cases}$ by a matrix equation (and by an augmented matrix).

Sol: The system has augmented matrix

matrix of coefficients
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 $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} x & y & z & \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] = [A | \vec{b}]$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$, so the system

has matrix equation $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ i.e. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \square$

We'll think about linear systems in terms of matrix equations from now on ☺.

Homogeneous and Nonhomogeneous Systems

Def 4: A linear system $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ is homogeneous when $\vec{b} = \vec{0}$ (i.e. $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0}$).

Ex: $\begin{cases} 3x - 4y = 0 \\ 2x + 3y = 0 \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is homogeneous! ✓

Non Ex: $\begin{cases} 3x - 4y = 0 \\ 2x + 3y = 1 \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \neq \vec{0}$ not homogeneous! ✗

Claim: Every homogeneous system has at least 1 solution.

Pf: Let $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ be a homogeneous linear system.

Setting $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$, $A\vec{0}$ has entry in row i given by $a_{i,1} \cdot 0 + a_{i,2} \cdot 0 + \dots + a_{i,n} \cdot 0 = 0$,

so the i th entry is 0 on left and right.

Hence $A\vec{0} = \vec{0}$ is satisfied, and $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ is a solution to this linear system. \square

Prop: Every homogeneous linear system has the zero-solution. (proof above :))

NB: Every linear system has an associated homogeneous system. (i.e. $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$).

Claim: The homogeneous system can be used to better understand the original system.

Observation: For A an $m \times k$ matrix and B, C $k \times n$ matrices, we have

$$\star A(B+C) = AB + AC$$

(i.e. matrix multiplication distributes over matrix addition :))

suggested exercise: show

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} z \\ w \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z \\ w \end{bmatrix} \star$$

Lem: Suppose $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has solution \vec{k} and $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has solution \vec{p} . Then $\vec{p} + \vec{k}$ is a solution to $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$.

pf: Suppose $A\vec{k} = \vec{0}$ and $A\vec{p} = \vec{b}$.

$$\text{Then } A(\vec{p} + \vec{k}) = A\vec{p} + A\vec{k} = \vec{b} + \vec{0} = \vec{b}$$

Hence $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ also has $\vec{x} = \vec{p} + \vec{k}$ as a solution. \square

NB: \vec{k} was named for "kernel solution" whereas \vec{p} was named for "particular solution".

Prop: If \vec{k} solves the homogeneous system $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ and \vec{p} solves system $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$, then $\vec{k} + \vec{p}$ solves $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$.